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**GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES AMERICORPS MEMBERS WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY
BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOLS**

34 Members of Project HEART Serve More Than 15,000 Hours Tutoring Students in Local Schools

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley announced today that 34 AmeriCorps members from Project High Expectations for At-Risk Teens (HEART) in Greenville will be recognized by Beaufort County Schools at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21 during a ceremony at Beaufort County Community College in Building 10. Beaufort County School Superintendent Dr. Jeffery Moss will address members and present them with certificates of appreciation.

“Project HEART members have spent more than 15,000 hours tutoring and mentoring at-risk students in five elementary, middle and high schools in Beaufort County,” Easley said. “These members are an important asset to our state’s teachers and children. I join the school system in expressing my appreciation for their great service.”

A total of 74 part-time and 88 minimum-time Project HEART members serve in 25 schools and learning centers in Nash, Pitt, Wilson, Sampson, Beaufort and Martin counties. Members tutor and mentor students who are identified as at-risk of failing their grade level. Members also develop and participate in service projects within their communities. Part-time members serve a total of 900 hours during the school year. Minimum-time members, who are all high school seniors, serve 300 hours.

Project HEART is located in the East Carolina University School of Education. Since the program’s inception in 2000, more than 2,000 students have received tutoring and mentoring services. More than 70 percent of these students passed their end-of-grade tests in reading and more than 80 percents passed their end-of-grade tests in math.

The N.C. Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, a federal- and state-funded agency housed in the Governor’s Office, funds 15 AmeriCorps programs for the 2004-2005 program year. AmeriCorps members serve in more than 52 counties across the state.

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